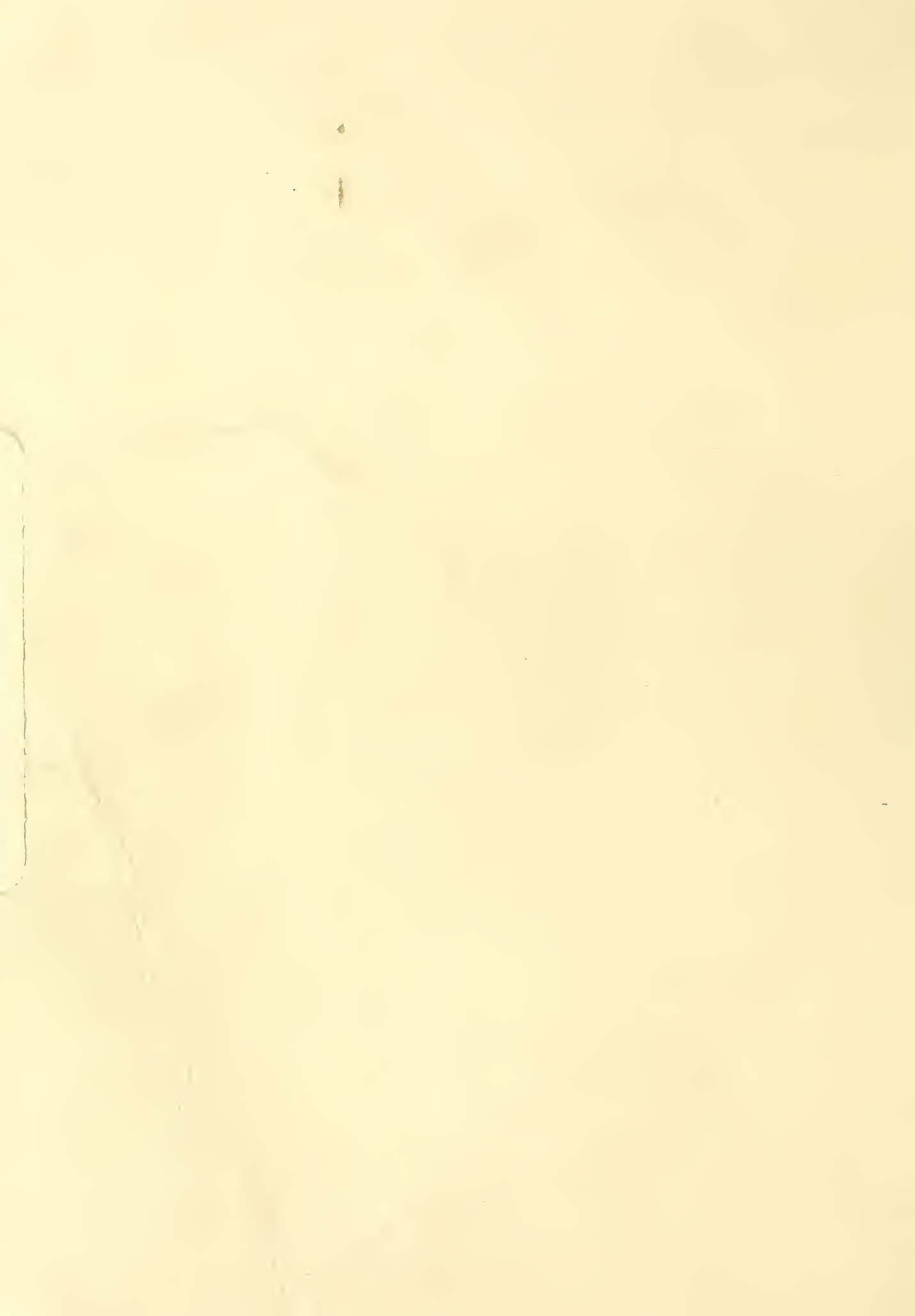


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THE VEGETABLE SITUATION

Summary

Following a slight decline in production prospects for vegetables in general during September, market prices in late October averaged higher than both a month earlier and a year earlier, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Seasonal market factors and improved demand conditions also played a part in the advance in prices.

The late potato crop estimate was reduced about 6 million bushels during September. The October 1 estimate is for a crop of 284 million bushels, or slightly less than the 1938 crop. Most of the reduction is in the Eastern and Central late States. The prospect in the Western States improved slightly.

Prospects for the United States sweetpotato crop also went down in September. The estimate now is for a crop of 76 million bushels, or about 500,000 bushels less than was produced in 1938.

Although the total United States acreage of all truck crops for market is slightly larger than a year earlier, the acreage in the late States is slightly smaller and production indications are for smaller late crops except for snap beans, beets, celery, and onions. The acreage of fall and winter vegetables planted in the Southern States and California is indicated to be about 6 percent larger than a year earlier.

The acreage of all truck crops for manufacture was reduced sharply in 1939, and production declined about 17 percent. This smaller tonnage indicates smaller packs of canned vegetables, but because of increased

carry-over stocks the total supply is expected to be sufficient for all normal requirements.

POTATOES

Late potato prospects declined slightly during September, and on October 1 the crop was indicated to total 284 million bushels. This is about 6 million bushels less than was indicated a month earlier and 3 million bushels less than the crop produced in 1938. Late crop prospects declined in both Eastern and Central groups of States but increased in the West. As compared with a year earlier the October indications were about 1 percent smaller in the Eastern late States and about 4 percent smaller in the Central States, but about 3 percent larger in the Western group.

The decline in crop prospects in the Eastern and Central late States, together with improving demand conditions, had a strengthening effect on eastern market prices. At New York City prices of Green Mountains averaged \$1.88 per 100-pound sack during the week ended October 21, compared with \$1.60 a month earlier and \$1.10 a year earlier. Prices of Idaho Russetts at New York City declined, however, from \$2.48 to \$2.03 during the last 4 weeks and averaged \$1.95 during the week of October 22, 1938. At Chicago prices of Idaho Russetts averaged \$1.69 during the week of October 21, compared with \$1.66 a month earlier and \$1.57 a year earlier. Midwestern varieties declined in price at Chicago in recent weeks but averaged about 7 cents per 100-pound sack above the average for the corresponding week last year.

The carlot movement of potatoes in recent weeks has been slightly heavier than in 1938, but shipments from the late States this season to October 21 totaled only slightly more than to October 22 last season.

SWEETPOTATOES

Production prospects for sweetpotatoes declined in September, and as of October 1 the crop was estimated to total 76 million bushels. This was a drop of 2.5 million bushels from the estimate a month earlier and about 500,000 bushels less than the 1938 crop. Crop prospects increased in the Central Atlantic Coast States and in California but declined in other areas.

Sweetpotato prices at market centers declined seasonally in recent weeks and averaged slightly lower than a year earlier. The usual trend of sweetpotato prices is upward from the fall, when the crop is being harvested, to the end of the marketing season.

TRUCK CROPS FOR MARKET

The acreage of all truck crops planted for fresh market shipment in 1939 is indicated to be slightly larger than the record large acreage in 1938. In the late producing States, however, the acreage is reduced about 3 percent

from a year earlier. Reductions occurred in late snap beans, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, and green peas.

Production of only late snap beans, beets, celery, and onions appears to be larger than in 1938. The smaller supplies of most late crops together with improving consumer purchasing power this fall have caused market prices to advance in recent weeks. Only prices of cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, onions, and spinach declined. Prices of broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, lettuce, green peas, and tomatoes in the week ended October 21 were substantially higher than in the corresponding week of 1938. The usual trend of truck crop prices is sharply upward in the fall and winter months as market supplies usually decrease sharply during this period.

The acreage of 10 fall and winter truck crops for market, the earliest of the new (1940) marketing season, is indicated to total 126,230 acres, or nearly 6 percent more than was available for harvest in these areas last season. Unless yields are unusually low, production of vegetables will be slightly more plentiful this winter than a year earlier. This larger production together with slightly larger storage stocks of the late crops except cabbage indicates ample supplies for the winter markets.

The acreage of asparagus, for market and manufacture, for harvest in 1940 is also indicated to be about 6 percent larger than in 1939. The harvest period for this crop usually begins in March.

TRUCK CROPS FOR MANUFACTURE

Owing to a reduction of 22 percent in the acreage planted to all truck crops for manufacture in 1939, total production is down 17 percent from the large tonnage produced in 1938. Only lima beans and spinach show slight increases over the previous season's production.

The reduced supplies available for canning and manufacture have resulted in a total pack of canned vegetables about 20 percent smaller than in 1938, but because of increased carry-over stocks the total supply of canned vegetables for the 1939-40 season is only about 10 percent smaller than a year earlier. The total supply appears to be ample for all normal requirements.

Although definite information concerning the pack of frozen vegetables is not available, cold storage holdings on October 1, 1939 were about 10 percent larger than a year earlier. There were significant increases in stocks of asparagus, lima beans, snap beans, broccoli, and spinach, but a sharp decrease in stocks of minor vegetables.

Potatoes: Acreage, yield and production, average 1928-37,
annual 1938 and indicated 1939

Group and classification	Acreage		Yield		Production	
	Average 1928-37	1938	Average 1928-37	1938	Average 1928-37	1938
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Bushels	Bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
Early:						
Total	402.4	421.0	81.0	88.6	32,676	37,298
Commercial	153.2	166.4	107.2	115.8	16,417	19,275
Other	249.2	254.6	65.2	70.8	16,259	18,023
Intermediate:						
Total	329.0	291.0	106.8	130.3	35,284	37,923
Commercial	135.2	117.5	150.0	178.7	20,278	20,996
Other	193.8	173.5	77.4	97.6	15,006	16,927
18 surplus late:						
Total	2,191.6	1,937.7	120.8	132.9	264,397	257,614
3 Eastern	617.6	578.0	161.1	153.0	99,557	88,442
5 Central	1,052.7	863.0	82.4	96.7	87,023	83,474
10 Western	521.3	496.7	149.9	172.5	77,817	85,698
12 other late:						
Total	420.3	369.9	95.1	104.8	39,900	38,782
5 Eastern	59.9	61.4	143.8	132.8	8,630	8,155
5 Central	352.6	299.0	87.1	99.6	30,688	29,792
2 Western	7.8	9.5	74.6	87.9	582	835
30 late	2,611.96	2,307.6	116.6	128.4	304,298	296,396
37 late and intermediate	2,940.96	2,598.6	115.6	128.7	339,582	334,319
U. S. total	3,343.36	3,019.6	111.4	123.1	372,258	371,617
30 late:						
8 Eastern	677.5	639.4	159.7	151.1	108,187	96,597
10 Central	1,405.3	1,162.0	83.8	97.5	117,711	113,266
12 Western 1/	512.5	472.2	145.7	163.8	74,660	77,353
Total 1/	2,595.3	2,273.6	115.8	128.3	300,559	287,216
Calif. early ..	16.6	34.0	214.0	270.0	3,739	9,180

1/ Excludes California early.

Commercial acreage of specified truck crops, average 1928-37, annual 1938-39, and indicated 1940 ^{1/}

Crop and group	: 10-year : : average : : 1928-37 :	: 1938 : : : : :	: 1939 : : : : :	: Indicated : : 1940 : : :
	: Acres	: Acres	: Acres	: Acres
Artichokes (Calif.)	: 8,170	9,700	10,200	10,550
Snap beans, fall	: 14,980	15,000	20,500	18,500
Cabbage	: 40,090	43,700	52,500	59,930
Fall	: 1,250	2,600	2,700	2,330
Early	: 33,840	41,100	49,800	57,600
Carrots, fall	: 5,200	8,750	8,750	8,750
Cauliflower, fall and	:			
winter	: 9,070	8,050	7,800	8,200
Celery, fall and winter	: 7,270	9,750	9,050	8,800
Cucumbers, fall	: 1,550	2,000	1,800	1,800
Kale (Va.)	: 1,730	1,050	1,100	1,400
Green peppers, fall	: 2,340	3,800	4,400	5,300
Spinach, fall	: 2,700	2,700	3,000	3,000
Total	: 93,150	104,500	119,100	126,230
Asparagus ^{2/}	: 105,150	112,800	122,140	129,800
Early	: 79,110	81,610	86,640	90,900
Late	: 26,040	31,190	35,500	38,900

^{1/} Fall and winter crops begin moving to market in fall preceding year shown.

^{2/} Includes acreage from which production is taken for manufacture, frozen pack, etc.

Sweetpotatoes: Acreage, yield, and production by groups of States, average 1928-37, annual 1938, and indicated 1939

Group of States	: Acreage : : Av. : : 1928- : : 37 :	: 1938 : : : : :	: 1939 : : : : :	: Yield per acre : : Av. : : 1928- : : 37 :	: 1938 : : : : :	: Indicated : : 1939 : : :	: Production : : Av. : : 1928- : : 37 :	: 1938 : : : : :	: Indicated : : 1939 : : :
	: 1,000 : : acres :	1,000	1,000	: Bu. : : Bu. :	Bu.	Bu.	: 1,000 : : bu. :	1,000	1,000
1/ 4 Central Atlantic	: 66.8	61	62	125.5	107.9	129.7	8,382	6,580	8,039
2/ 4 Lower Atlantic	: 275.4	290	293	81.6	89.1	90.9	22,461	25,841	26,647
3/ 8 South Central	: 453.6	492	493	79.9	81.3	76.2	36,239	40,017	37,587
4/ 5 North Central	: 28.8	27	27	86.5	99.6	91.4	2,491	2,683	2,469
California	: 10.3	13	12	103.0	117.0	115.0	1,116	1,521	1,380
Total U.S.	: 835.4	883	887	85.2	86.8	85.8	70,690	76,647	76,122

^{1/} N. J., Del., Md., and Va.

^{2/} N. C., S. C., Ga., and Fla.

^{3/} Ky., Tenn., Ala., Miss., Ark., La., Okla., and Texas.

^{4/} Ind., Ill., Iowa, Mo., and Kans.

Potatoes: Unweighted prices per 100 pounds for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S.No.1 grade when quoted) at shipping points and terminal markets, specified weeks, 1939, with comparisons

Location and variety	Week ended					
	1938			1939		
	Oct.	Sept.		October		
	22	23	30	7	14	21
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
<u>F.o.b. usual terms</u>						
Presque Isle, Me. ....	.79	1.11	1.27	1.23	1.19	1.27
Rochester, N.Y. ....	.87	1.32	1.30	1.23	1.16	1.18
Waupaca, Wis. ....	.66	.90	.92	1.07	.90	.92
West Michigan points ....	.76	--	--	1.12	1.03	1.01
<u>F.o.b. cash track</u>						
Idaho points ....	.71	--	.84	.84	.79	.89
San Luis Valley, Colo. ....	.90	.88	.84	.92	.97	.87
<u>Warehouse, cash to grower</u>						
Presque Isle, Me. ....	.62	.88	1.05	1.03	1.04	1.08
Idaho Falls, Idaho ....	.48	--	--	.57	.52	.60
Rochester, N.Y. ....	.62	.98	.97	.93	.88	.97
Waupaca, Wis. (U.S.#1 and com.)	.46	.74	.69	.69	.69	.71
<u>Terminal markets</u>						
<u>New York City</u>						
Russet Burbanks, Ida.	1.95	2.48	2.41	2.28	2.15	2.08
Green Mts., Me.	--	1.57	1.68	1.81	1.73	1.82
" " , L. I.	1.20	1.64	1.74	1.83	1.78	1.95
Cobblers, N. J.	1.02	1.47	1.59	1.62	1.58	1.68
" " , L. I.	1.08	1.51	1.64	1.71	1.66	1.75
Excluding western stock	1.10	1.57	1.69	1.77	1.71	1.84
<u>Chicago</u>						
Western Triumphs	1.21	1.54	1.38	1.31	1.24	1.33
Russet Burbanks, Ida.	1.57	1.66	1.68	1.68	1.58	1.69
Red McClures, Colo.	1.68	1.71	1.86	1.81	1.73	1.76
Midwestern varieties	1.09	1.23	1.20	1.15	1.15	1.16

Truck crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S.No. 1 when quoted), specified weeks 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1938 :			1939		
		Oct. :	Sept. :		Oct. :		
		22 :	23 :	30 :	7 :	14 :	21
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Beans, lima, Mich.	12-qt. basket	.96	.57	.76	.98	1.14	
" snap, green	Bushel	1.81	1.70	1.38	1.79	1.69	1.52
Broccoli, Calif.	Pony crate	1.86	2.30	2.66	2.71	2.87	2.70
Cabbage, domestic, midwestern.	Approx. 75 pounds	.51	.88	.87	.96	1.00	1.01
Cantaloups, Colo. salmon meat	Jumbos, 36's and 45's	---	3.28	3.44	3.10	3.32	3.31
Carrots, bunched, western ...	L.A. crate	3.02	3.60	3.10	3.12	2.85	2.81
Cauliflower, Colo.	Pony crate	.92	1.08	1.11	1.21	1.44	1.44
Celery, Mich.	Flat crate	.40	.33	.42	.38	.37	.40
Cucumbers, La.	Bushel	1.84	1.63	1.68	1.32	1.11	1.24
Eggplant, Ill.	"	1.45	.53	.57	.53	.74	.38
Honeydews, Calif. all sizes	Std. & Jumbo crate	1.62	1.44	1.33	1.22	1.66	2.25
" Colo. " " " " " "	" " "	1.34	1.23	1.14	1.16	1.07	2.15
Lettuce, Calif.	L.A. crate	3.32	2.50	3.24	3.66	4.58	4.75
Onions, Yellow, midwestern ...	50 lb. sack	.69	.54	.55	.51	.45	.46
" Sw. Spanish, Idaho ...	" " "	.91	.86	.84	.75	.60	.74
Peas, Calif.	Bushel	3.05	2.20	2.22	2.24	2.46	2.79
Peppers, midwestern	"	.67	.94	.88	.81	.96	.91
Spinach, "	"	.47	.66	.68	.58	.58	.54
Sweetpotatoes:							
Jersey type, N.J.	"	1.55	1.58	1.59	1.55	1.58	1.56
Puerto Ricans	"	.99	1.20	1.24	1.18	1.08	1.16
Nancy Halls	"	.72	1.07	1.08	1.12	1.04	1.03
All sources and varieties ..	"	1.14	1.28	1.34	1.33	1.20	1.28
Tomatoes, Calif.	Bag	1.88	1.39	1.32	1.85	2.05	1.98

Truck crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at New York for stock
of generally good quality and condition (U. S. No.1 when quoted)
specified weeks 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Week ended						
		1938	1939					
		Oct.	Sept.			Oct.		
		22	23	30	7	14	21	
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Beans, lima	Bushel	1.60	2.04	2.35	2.73	2.28	2.85	
Beans, snap, green ...	"	1.60	.87	.78	.92	.84	1.47	
" " " wax	"	2.19	1.19	1.10	1.10	1.30	1.50	
Beets topped, nearby..	"	.48	.54	.52	.53	.53	.51	
Broccoli, Eastern	Crate	1.05	.97	1.06	1.16	1.08	1.12	
" " " Calif.	"	2.23	2.30	2.71	3.31	2.90	2.81	
Cabbage, Danish, N.Y..	50-lb. sack	.30	.92	.75	.76	.58	.58	
" " domestic, N.Y..	" " "	.47	.78	.67	.65	.45	.55	
Cantaloupes, Colo.,	Jumbos							
Salmon meat	36's & 45's	-	3.68	3.90	3.83	4.50	4.42	
Carrots, bunched, Calif.	L.A. crate	3.33	4.12	4.05	4.08	4.00	3.77	
" " topped, Eastern	Bushel	.75	.87	.89	.90	.84	.85	
Cauliflower, Eastern..	Crate	.73	1.64	1.69	1.79	1.78	1.14	
Celery, N.Y.	2/3 crate	1.27	1.15	1.19	1.19	1.32	1.27	
Cucumbers, Southern ..	Bushel	2.67	-	1.97	1.53	1.78	2.08	
" " " Eastern	"	-	2.48	2.44	2.08	2.20	2.31	
Eggplant, N. J.	"	-	.40	.47	.53	.62	.86	
Honeydews, Calif.	Jumbos 6's-8's:							
	& std. 9's-12's:	1.64	2.15	2.35	2.06	3.06	3.16	
Lettuce, Calif.	L.A. crate	4.10	2.71	3.67	4.04	4.75	5.02	
" " " N.Y.	Eastern crate	1.22	1.05	.91	.69	.61	.71	
Onions, yellow, N.Y..	50-lb. sack	.89	.66	.63	.71	.62	.65	
" Sw. Spinach, Idaho:	" " "	1.22	1.28	1.22	1.23	1.20	1.16	
Peas, Western	Bushel	2.62	2.30	2.55	2.67	2.88	2.82	
Peppers	"	.54	.47	.46	.52	.54	.74	
Spanish, Eastern	"	.87	.69	.62	.34	.32	.29	
Sweet potatoes,								
Jersey type	"	.76	.76	.88	.80	.70	.68	
Golden, Md. & Va.,,	"	.84	.80	.78	.86	.75	.74	
Puerto Rican, S.Car.	"	.97	1.09	1.18	1.14	1.01	1.02	
Tomatoes								
Calif.	Lug	1.73	-	-	1.70	2.14	2.31	
N. Y.	"	-	.58	.78	1.10	1.22	.85	

Truck crops: Unweighted average price of stock of generally good merchantable quality and condition
(U. S. No. 1 grade when quoted) at shipping points, specified weeks 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	Shipping point	Unit	Week ended									
			1938 :		1939							
			Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	22	23	30	7	14	21
			Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Cabbage, Danish type	.....: Rochester, N. Y.	: Sacked per ton:	7.46	28.00	26.00	24.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
" "	.....: Appleton, Wis.	: Bulk per ton	--	13.00	15.00	18.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	17.00	17.00
Carrots, topped, unwashed	: Rochester, N. Y.	: " " "	10.00	--	--	26.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	24.00	24.00
Celery, washed	.....: " "	: 2/3 crate	.88	.73	.74	.79	.80	.80	.80	.80	.96	.96
" "	.....: " "	: 10 in. crate	1.21	.99	.90	.91	.09	.09	.09	.09	1.24	1.24
Lettuce, Iceberg type	....: Salinas, Calif.	: L. A. crate	1.80	1.42	2.07	2.99	3.33	3.33	3.33	3.33	2.38	2.38
Onions, yellow 1/	.....: Rochester, N. Y.	: 50 lb. sack	.84	.56	.55	.56	.52	.52	.52	.52	.51	.51
" " 2/	.....: West Mich. Points	: " "	.72	.55	.57	.54	.53	.53	.53	.53	.52	.52
Sweetpotatoes, golden	....: E. Shore Va. and Md.	: Barrel	--	1.26	1.26	1.43	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.20	1.20
" " , Jersey type:	" "	: " "	--	1.20	1.26	1.43	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.17	1.17
Tomatoes 3/	.....: Los Angeles, Calif.	: Lug	1.40	.80	1.00	1.40	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.29	1.29
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

1/ 60-80 percent 2 in. and larger.

2/ 70-75 percent 2 in. and larger.

3/ 85 percent U. S. No. 1.

Truck crops and potatoes: Carlot (rail and boat) shipments from
originating points in the United States for
the week ended October 21, with comparisons

Commodity	Week ended					
	1938	1939				
	Oct.	Sept.			Oct.	
	22	23	30	7	14	21
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
Asparagus	7	2	0	3	5	5
Beans, snap and lima, old :	141	39	55	76	143	118
" " " " new :	73	0	0	0	0	8
Beets	33	2	4	0	0	6
Broccoli	1/	14	17	10	15	28
Cabbage	360	163	209	285	305	353
Cantaloupes	1	109	97	30	15	1
Carrots, old	71	153	163	46	35	65
" new	107	3	7	135	140	146
Casaba melons	15	1	4	3	1	8
Cauliflower	150	186	125	37	34	94
Celery, old	262	155	170	171	199	213
" new	47	4	7	9	29	56
Corn, green	0	7	9	8	8	0
Cucumbers	64	55	97	74	57	18
Greens, except spinach ...:	59	12	7	6	13	20
Honey ball melons	0	6	1	0	0	0
Honey dew	23	232	135	55	21	27
Lettuce and romaine, old ..:	162	805	759	34	141	277
" " " new ..:	712	0	0	478	487	458
Mixed melons	10	38	14	8	7	6
" vegetables	274	349	352	314	289	287
Onions	567	777	852	1,029	678	666
Peas, green	81	115	116	86	51	31
Peppers	35	6	3	15	15	20
Persian melons	2	16	23	13	4	4
Spinach	30	33	11	7	12	11
Sweet potatoes	265	301	295	305	289	241
Tomatoes	497	543	401	447	557	405
Turnips and rutabagas:	21	10	24	30	32	30
Watermelons	0	10	3	0	0	0
Total truck crops 2/ ...:	4,069	4,146	3,950	3,714	3,582	3,602
Potatoes, total	3,379	2,819	3,367	4,020	3,530	3,438
Early	0	6	3	1	0	0
Intermediate	217	67	61	73	70	36
Late	3,162	2,746	3,303	3,946	3,460	3,402
Grand total all vegetables 2/	7,448	6,955	7,327	7,734	7,112	7,040
Relief -						
Beans, snap and lima ...:	0	0	0	0	7	21
Beets	84	0	0	0	0	0
Cabbage	241	0	0	0	0	0
Carrots	20	0	0	0	0	0
Onions	0	11	36	14	13	70
Potatoes	8	0	0	0	0	0
Sweet potatoes	85	5	59	27	106	185

1/ Unavailable.

2/ Does not include imports.

Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to October 21, 1939

Commodity and group	Acreage		Production		Price per unit	
	: 10-year : : average : : 1928-37 :	: 1939 : : 1939 : : 1939 :	: 10-year : : average : : 1928-37 :	: 1939 : : average : : 1939 :	: 10-year : : average : : 1928-37 :	: 1939 : : average : : 1939 :
<u>Asparagus 1/</u>						
Calif.	24,320	24,000	26,260	1,000	1,40	1.27
S.O. and Ga.	12,660	10,100	10,100	"	1.74	1.84
Total early	36,980	34,100	36,360	"	1.46	1.35
Late	26,040	31,190	35,500	"	1.56	1.30
All States	63,020	65,290	71,860	"	1.52	1.32
<u>Beans, snap, green and wax</u>						
Fall	14,980	15,000	20,500	1,000	1.65	.70
Early (1)	18,210	30,000	30,000	"	1.20	1.28
Early (2)	23,330	30,600	24,200	"	.73	1.21
Second early	22,540	28,400	25,500	"	.61	.79
Intermediate (1) ..	16,170	24,000	24,700	"	.61	.64
Intermediate (2) ..	12,110	11,500	11,700	"	.71	.89
Intermediate (3) ..	---	7,350	7,250	"	.65	.55
Late (1)	5,810	10,690	10,400	"	.83	---
Late (2)	17,260	19,820	19,990	"	.94	---
All States	135,930	177,360	174,240	"	.92	---
<u>Lima beans</u>						
Fall	230	---	---	"	1.85	---
Early	1,800	4,500	4,800	"	1.50	1.50
Second early	2,860	2,200	2,100	"	1.19	1.04
Intermediate (1) ..	1,170	1,500	1,600	"	1.00	1.50
Intermediate (2) ..	5,100	4,500	4,400	"	1.45	1.16
Late	1,010	650	650	"	1.40	---
All States	10,650	13,350	13,550	"	1.37	---
<u>Beets</u>						
Early	5,460	6,100	6,600	"	.20	.23
Second early	2,500	1,800	1,750	"	.46	.53
Intermediate	2,400	2,600	2,750	"	.55	.76
Late	320	370	380	"	.45	---
All States	10,650	10,870	11,480	"	.38	---

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1933 and indicated 1939 as reported to October 21, 1939 - Continued

Commodity and group	Acreage		Production		Price per unit	
	10-year:	Unit	10-year:	10-year:	10-year:	10-year:
	average:	1939	average:	1938	average:	1938
	1923-37:		1928-37:		1928-37:	
	Acre	Acre			Dol.	Dol.
Cabbage 1/						
Fall	1,250	2,600	2,700:	Tons	14,300	14,20
Early	42,920	46,100	54,400:	"	266,300	14,50
Second early ..	16,180	22,200	18,800:	"	92,600	19,04
Intermediate ..	29,620	34,140	33,440:	"	209,600	---
Late (domestic):	39,460	46,570	38,260:	"	248,300	---
Late (Danish) ..	36,030	35,180	31,500:	"	208,500	---
All States	165,460	186,790	179,100:	"	1,039,600	---
For market	145,090	169,050	162,030:	"	934,400	---
For kraut	20,370	17,740	17,070:	"	195,200	---
Cantaloups			1,000:			
Early	37,020	28,700	33,040:	crates:	5,084	1.74
Second early ..	39,500	47,750	53,900:	"	5,024	.94
Intermediate ..	20,630	24,800	25,450:	"	2,451	.74
Late	19,070	22,000	21,700:	"	2,753	.65
All States	116,270	123,250	134,090:	"	15,317	1.02
Carrots			1,000:			
Fall	5,200	8,750	8,750:	bu.	4,270	.63
Early	9,460	9,350	8,900:	"	1,491	.54
Second early ..	10,710	15,620	16,850:	"	6,470	.58
Intermediate ..	1,670	2,230	2,170:	"	504	.85
Late	5,740	7,370	7,150:	"	2,971	.34
All States	32,780	43,870	43,820:	"	15,706	.52
Gauliflower			1,000:			
Fall and winter:	9,070	8,050	7,800:	crates:	2,259	.51
Early	8,030	8,240	7,800:	"	2,624	.60
Late (1)	7,520	7,840	7,750:	"	1,648	.65
Late (2)	3,790	4,500	4,500:	"	1,350	.50
All States	28,460	28,630	27,850:	"	7,381	.56

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37,
annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to
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Commodity and group	Acreage		Unit	Production		Price per unit	
	10-year	1939		10-year	1939	10-year	1939
	average	1938		average	1938	average	1938
	1928-37	1939		1928-37	1939	1928-37	1939
	Acres	Acres				Dol.	Dol.
Celery			1,000				
Fall and winter	7,270	9,750	crates:	1,282	2,048	1.32	1.65
Early	6,330	9,200	"	2,088	2,742	2.05	1.43
Second early	3,090	3,950	"	1,118	1,617	2.12	1.59
Intermediate	4,000	4,670	"	1,039	1,249	1.62	1.41
Late (1)	11,500	12,210	"	3,122	3,665	1.21	1.00
Late (2)	1,620	1,770	"	474	547	1.36	.97
All States	33,810	41,550	"	9,123	11,868	1.58	1.33
Corn			1,000				
N. J.	24,000	22,500	ears:	116,090	110,250	12.61	12.50
Cucumbers			1,000				
Fall	1,550	2,000	bu.	115	100	1.92	1.90
Early (1)	12,710	10,600	"	891	1,041	1.83	1.11
Early (2)	12,460	12,200	"	1,194	1,216	.79	.74
Second early	6,550	5,400	"	561	450	.82	.58
Intermediate	8,190	8,600	"	1,058	1,038	.71	.61
Late (1)	2,290	3,510	"	244	645	.76	.63
Late (2)	1,230	1,200	"	90	105	1.09	1.38
All States	44,980	43,510	"	4,153	4,595	1.03	.80
Eggplant							
Fall	1,220	1,450	"	191	195	.82	1.11
Early	880	800	"	266	320	.92	.55
Second early	420	970	"	61	146	.88	.45
Late	1,060	1,200	"	283	300	.55	.45
All States	3,580	4,420	"	801	961	.76	.62
Kale							
Virginia	1,780	1,050	"	619	514	.36	.30
							.25

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to October 21, 1939 - Continued

Commodity and group	Acreage		Unit	Production		Price per unit	
	: 10-year :	: 1939 :		: 10-year :	: 1939 :	: 10-year :	: 1939 :
	: 1928-37 :	: 1938 :		: 1928-37 :	: 1938 :	: 1928-37 :	: 1939 :
<u>Lettuce</u>	Acreage	Acreage				Dol.	Dol.
Early	44,190	37,000	crates	5,259	4,776	5,670	1.52
Second early ..	48,090	53,400	"	5,382	5,804	7,515	1.65
Intermediate ..	4,800	3,870	"	939	809	707	.91
Late (1)	25,790	24,550	"	3,576	3,483	3,430	1.43
Late (2)	31,410	30,700	"	4,277	4,559	4,101	1.52
All States ...	154,280	149,520	"	19,433	19,431	22,423	1.51
<u>Onions 2/</u>			: 1,000 :				
Early (Bermudas)	46,580	64,080	sacks	2,202	2,168	2,076	1.63
Intermediate (1)	11,790	13,600	"	807	763	1,003	1.18
Intermediate (2)	6,430	5,810	"	874	837	677	1.34
Late	52,740	54,540	"	9,914	11,157	13,451	1.25
All States	117,540	138,030	"	13,797	14,930	17,212	1.31
<u>Peas</u>			: 1,000 :				
Early	9,360	15,700	busnel	642	1,330	1,269	1.68
Second early ...	40,020	34,950	"	2,648	2,181	3,163	1.25
Intermediate (1)	5,990	6,000	"	405	420	339	.81
Intermediate (2)	3,920	4,640	"	250	357	434	1.10
Late (1)	21,120	25,430	"	2,095	2,587	2,654	1.03
Late (2)	9,120	12,720	"	937	1,277	1,006	1.71
All States	97,350	104,090	"	7,359	8,320	-	1.29
<u>Green peppers</u>							
Fall	2,340	3,800	"	427	473	634	1.14
Early, winter ...	2,530	3,000	"	662	1,020	1,000	1.33
Early, spring ...	3,060	2,400	"	643	840	768	1.06
Second early ...	1,770	1,620	"	291	338	210	.70
Intermediate ...	6,720	8,300	"	1,585	1,753	1,888	.45
Late	1,250	1,950	"	344	546	510	.73
All States	17,480	21,070	"	3,960	4,970	5,010	.78

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average
1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to
October 21, 1939 - Continued

Commodity and group	Acreage		Production		Price per unit	
	: 10-year average :	: 1938 : 1939 :	: 10-year average :	: 1938 : 1939 :	: 10-year average :	: 1938 : 1939 :
: 1928-37 :	: 1928-37 :	: 1928-37 :	: 1928-37 :	: 1928-37 :	: 1928-37 :	: 1928-37 :
: Acres	: Acres	: Acres	: Acres	: Acres	: Dol.	: Dol.
: 1,000	: bu.	: 1,000	: bu.	: 1,000	: Dol.	: Dol.
Shallots 3/						
La.	--	5,700	5,700	490	627	--
Spinach						
Fall	2,700	2,700	3,600	747	1,020	.40
Early	38,410	44,840	40,450	7,304	7,266	.41
Second early ..	8,900	9,000	8,990	2,551	2,819	.47
Intermediate ..	730	1,450	1,230	94	141	.45
Late	6,510	7,800	8,200	1,776	2,395	.49
All States	57,250	65,790	61,870	12,472	13,641	.45
Tomatoes						
Fall	5,860	9,000	7,300	356	556	2.29
Early (1)	12,750	15,500	18,000	1,448	2,880	2.68
Early (2)	28,150	41,000	42,600	2,048	4,013	2.29
Second early ..	39,680	62,400	53,900	3,528	3,325	1.34
Intermediate ..	42,560	48,500	48,300	5,676	6,628	.93
Late (1)	32,550	35,800	35,200	4,744	5,315	.87
Late (2)	8,310	10,000	7,100	907	958	1.57
All States	169,660	222,200	212,400	18,707	23,675	1.33
Watermelons						
Early	34,470	29,500	27,700	12,456	8,995	178.50
Second early ..	160,370	164,800	160,200	36,378	26,214	102.00
Late	54,000	68,650	73,240	19,185	27,355	108.00
All States	248,840	262,950	261,140	68,019	62,564	118.00

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to October 21, 1939 - Continued

Commodity and group	Acreage		Unit	Production		Price per unit	
	10-year average	1938	1939	10-year average	1938	10-year average	1938
	1928-37			1928-37		1928-37	1939
	Acre	Acre	Acre			Dol.	Dol.
Total acreage	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
planted as re-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ported to	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Oct. 21	1,525,953	1,721,440	1,730,200	:	:	:	:
Total acreage	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Late as report-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ed to Oct. 21	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
4/	323,460	356,870	346,780	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

- 1/ Includes undetermined quantities of production used for manufacture, frozen pack, etc.
- 2/ Estimates for Texas have been revised to an actual acreage basis as contrasted with earlier reports which took into account difference in widths of rows.
- 3/ Not included in totals.
- 4/ Excludes late asparagus, cantaloupes and watermelons.

Truck crops for manufacture: Commercial acreage and production,
annual 1937-39, condition as of October 10

Commodity	Planted acreage			Production			Condition as of Oct. 10	
	1937	1938	Prelim. 1939	1937	1938	Prelim. 1939	1938	1939
	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Beans, lima	46,670	55,010	47,790	23,220	28,740	28,960		
" snap	69,780	76,110	51,710	105,300	128,100	78,400		
Beets.....	13,700	12,480	8,330	62,560	71,880	36,700		
Cabbage, for:								
kraut.....	26,020	18,600	17,070	148,900	195,400	105,200		
Corn, sweet	461,850	360,370	240,850	978,100	880,100	593,900		
Peas, green..	354,420	334,920	252,810	268,110	302,540	193,840		
Pimientos...	14,090	23,300	20,150	19,030	37,690	22,650		
Spinach 1/...	24,720	17,470	13,600	53,900	30,400	35,600		
Tomatoes	473,200	408,660	365,140	1,926,300	1,737,700	1,747,300		
Total	1,484,450	1,306,920	1,017,450	3,585,420	3,412,550	2,842,550		

Cucumbers for pickles	119,830	88,600	58,340	193,130	146,690	---	82.3	69.5
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1/ Harvested.

Vegetables, frozen: Cold storage holdings October 1, 1939
with comparisons

Commodity	Oct. 1, 1938	Sept. 1, 1939	Oct. 1, 1939
	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Thousands</u>
Asparagus	4,171	6,511	6,300
Beans, lima ...	14,875	10,540	18,311
Beans, snap ...	5,751	6,846	7,220
Broccoli, green:	797	989	1,240
Corn, sweet ...	7,009	7,280	7,697
Peas, green ...	27,178	30,103	28,187
Spinach	1,898	2,834	2,591
Other vegetables	9,573	2,091	2,243
Classification :			
not reported ..	1/	4,445	4,333
Total	71,252	71,639	78,122

1/ Included under "others".

